

House Resolution No. 4304

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school programs that admirably ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Willard High School sponsors a choir program that has attained considerable distinction during the past ten years through the excellence of its achievements in competitive and performance venues; and

Whereas, on May 4, 2009, Willard High School will publicly acknowledge the quality of its choral activities at the Spring Concert by issuing commemorative t-shirts and CD's and DVD's with highlights from the last ten years of performances and by featuring an Alumni Choir; and

Whereas, Willard High School choirs enjoy a ten-year-long record of success that includes invitations to the 1999, 2000, 2004, 2007, and 2009 Missouri Music Educators Association conventions; the 2000 and 2007 National Music Educators national conferences; the 2003 and 2007 National American Choral Directors Association conventions; the 2008 Southwestern Division of American Choral Directors Association convention; the 2001 and 2003 Worlds of Fun Festival of Choirs; the 2002 and 2006 Music Festivals, Incorporated, competitions; and the 2005 San Francisco Choral Festival; and

Whereas, Willard High School also has been home to more than 300 singers who earned All District Honors through the South Central All District Honor Choir program; and

Whereas, members of Willard High School choirs additionally have performed with the Springfield Symphony, at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis Choral Festival, in the First and Calvary Artist Series, in the Westminster Artist Series, in the Central Bible College Artist Services, in Evangel University Barnett Recital Hall, in the Missouri State University Ellis Recital Hall, during Fine Arts Day at the Capitol, in Mission Delores Basilica of San Francisco, at Riverside Church and Avery Fisher Hall in New York, at Lincoln Center in New York, and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, under the guidance of Director Mark Lawley and Assistant Candice French, Willard High School choirs are scheduled to compete in Chicago during 2009:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Willard High School choirs and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate ten years of outstanding success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Willard High School choir program.

Offered by _____
Representative Shane Schoeller
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4304, adopted October 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker